

Digging In

Engaging Your Community in Coastal Restoration

WHEN: Thursday, May 14, 1pm-5pm

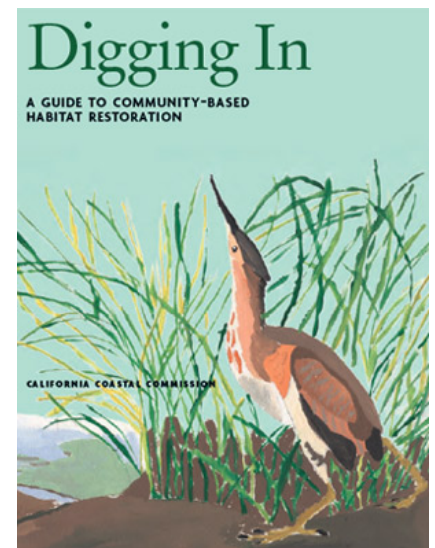
WHAT: A free workshop on the basics of restoration and how to start volunteer-based projects, based on the California Coastal Commission's new how-to manual, *Digging In: A Guide to Community Based Habitat Restoration*.

WHERE: The conference room at the City of Long Beach District 3 Field Office, 340 Nieto Avenue Long Beach, California 90814. The office is adjacent to the Colorado Lagoon Restoration area.

Attendants receive a free copy of *Digging In* and a networking contact list. Development of coastal restoration projects and community engagement strategies-- as well as common pitfalls-- will be discussed.

A tour of Colorado Lagoon restoration area will be offered from 4:15-5:00 pm.

Space is limited – preregistration is required. **To reserve a space, email Kristina Finstad at kfinstad@hotmail.com.** Include your name, email and the organization with which you are affiliated (if applicable).



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Community-based habitat restoration is a relatively new and growing field that gives concerned citizens the opportunity to get their hands dirty while helping to improve our environment's future. Based on our experience at Upper Newport Bay, *Digging In* describes how to develop community-based coastal restoration projects with the help of government agencies, non-profit groups, community stakeholders, and most importantly, volunteers. The guide walks you through each step of a volunteer restoration project – from getting permission, to collecting seeds, to alerting the media about the restoration event you have designed.

For more information, please visit the Coastal Commission's
Public Education website at
www.coastforyou.org

